

# **LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes**

**Meeting – August 18th, 2010**

**Wilbur McMahon School Library – 5:00 pm**

**Members Present: Tom Alder, Mike Steers, BG Shanklin, Beryl Borden, Tom Arkins, John Osborne, Dorie Freeman, Principal Jim Gibney, Don Gomez, Margaret Manning, Bob Mushen, Lynn Brousseau-Lebreux, Jake Talbot, Superintendent Kathryn Crowley, Mark Rapp,**

**Members absent: Micah Shapiro, Ben Gauthier, Dave MacGregor**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Alder at 5:08 pm**

**The Architectural Firm of DBVW was represented by Principle, Doug Brown, and Project Manager, Ed Cifune.**

**A motion was made by Jim Gibney, and seconded by Don Gomez to approve the minutes from meetings held on 7/28, 8/3, 8/10 and 8/11. This motion passed unanimously.**

**There was a discussion regarding the various site plans. There was a feeling on the part of several members that the Committee**

should limit the amount of peripheral work suggested on several of the site plans. It was thought that the relocation of the basketball court, and subsequent reconstruction of the athletic fields might effect the overall outcome of the project when presented to the voters. It was noted that perhaps the reconstruction of the tennis courts, the reconstruction of the baseball field should be considered by the Town, and not be included as part of the school renovation project.

Conversely, it was thought by other members of the Committee that there was a tremendous benefit to including the restructuring and repair of the athletic fields as part of the school project. It was noted that the proposed path from the school to the Veterans Field, continuing to the tennis courts and the pending Dundery Brook Trail, would have to be put in regardless of the scope contained within the Stage II Application. It was noted that this would require roughly a 20' shift of the baseball field to the West, and that some measure of reconstruction would be required. There was a thought that the likelihood of these things being addressed at a later time would be greatly diminished if they were not included in the project. The additional cost would be supported by the State if we demonstrated use of these facilities as part of the Physical Education Program. Funding would be difficult to secure if done at a later date.

On a motion by Jake Talbot, and seconded by Tom Arkins, it was unanimously agreed by the Committee to eliminate site plan 5 from

consideration. The Committee was left to consider plan 5.1 (5A), and 5.2 (5B). The issue central to both plans being considered was the relocation of the basketball court to the West end of the athletic fields, and subsequent construction of a parking lot to the East of the school. Plan 5A moved the basketball court, and 5B kept it in its current location.

Public Input was had regarding the schemes, and all comments were noted by the committee. Recreation, Conservation, and Open Space Chairman Patrick McHugh was in attendance, and suggested that if the basketball court were to be moved, that the new court should be constructed before the current court was removed. It was his feeling that the court should remain where it currently sits, but if the Committee voted to move it, that great care should be taken to ensure that the court, and the other site improvements should be (more than) adequately completed.

The Committee then considered the two site plans, and Chairman Tom Allder advised the Committee that each member would be asked to voice their support for either Option “5A” or “5B”. At the conclusion of the individual voice vote, there was a total of 8 members who supported 5A, and 7 members who supported 5B. On a motion by Mike Steers, and seconded by Mark Rapp, it was voted to accept 5A as the site plan the Architects would be developing, engineering, and costing. This motion carried by an 8-7 margin.

**On a motion by Tom Arkins, and seconded by Mark Rapp, the Committee unanimously carried a charge to our Design Team to provide separate cost estimates for the repair, and reconstruction of the existing tennis courts, and the Western end of the Peckham Lot with a Soccer Field.**

**On a motion by Mark Rapp, and seconded by Lynn Brousseau, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:35.**

**Respectfully submitted, Chairman Tom Alder**